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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

# (U) Sacramento – Reported Hate Crimes Decrease in 2018 after 2017 Increase

(U) The number of reported hate crimes and victims decreased last year in California, although the number of suspects increased, the state's attorney general reported yesterday. Hate crime events fell 2.5% from 2017, down by about two-dozen reports to 1,066 in 2018, according to the annual report. That follows a 17% jump the prior year. The report notes that hate crimes remain relatively rare in a state of nearly 40 million people. Overall, they have dropped about 3% in the last decade. SOURCE: 2 July 2019, Associated Press

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Massachusetts – Law Enforcement Details Heightened Security Plan for Fourth of July Celebrations

(U) Boston – Authorities have imposed strict restrictions on drone use for the Independence Day celebrations in Boston planned for the Charles River Esplanade, media reported yesterday. Federal air traffic controllers have imposed a temporary flight restriction on the use of any unmanned aircraft systems, or drones, on 3 and 4 July. There are no specific or credible threats against the Fourth of July fireworks display and Boston Pops concert, according to a local official, however law enforcement will operate at a "heightened alert posture" nonetheless. Massachusetts State Police (MSP) will have a large uniformed presence at the Esplanade, including troopers walking foot patrols, riding bicycles, driving motorcycles, and on horseback. The MSP marine unit will monitor public safety from the Charles River and the agency's Air Wing helicopter unit will be overhead.

# SOURCE: 2 July 2019, Mass Live

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Libya – At Least 44 Killed as Airstrike Hits Migrant Detention Center

(U) Tripoli – An air strike hit a detention center for mainly African migrants in a suburb of the Libyan capital Tripoli yesterday, killing at least 44 people and wounding more than 130, the UN said. It was the highest publicly reported toll from an air strike or shelling since eastern forces under Khalifa Haftar launched a ground and aerial offensive three months ago to take Tripoli, the base of Libya's internationally recognized government.

## SOURCE: 2 July 2019, Reuters

#### (U) Mexico – Government Says Migrant Apprehensions in June Down 30% from May

(U) Mexico City – Mexico's foreign ministry said yesterday that migrant apprehensions at the US southern border were down 30% in June from May, citing data from US Customs and Border Protection. There were 100,037 migrants apprehended at the US-Mexico border in June, down from 144,278 migrants in May, including people who appeared at ports of entry and were deemed inadmissible. SOURCE: 2 July 2019, Reuters

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#### (U) South Sudan – More Than 100 Civilians Killed after Peace Deal

(U) Juba – South Sudan's army and several armed groups killed more than 100 civilians in a surge in violence in a southern region of the country after the signing of a peace deal last year, a UN report said today. The armed forces also committed sexual violence including rape against around 100 women and girls in the same region of Central Equatoria, between September 2018 and April 2019, the report by the UN peacekeeping mission in the country found. The violence in the Central Equatorian region is an exception to the trend of a "significant decrease in conflict-related violations and abuses" across South Sudan since the deal was signed, the report said.

SOURCE: 3 July 2019, Reuters

#### (U) Turkey – Two Russian Women Detained for Suspicion of Joining ISIS

(U) Ankara – Turkey's state-run news agency says two Russian women who are suspected of being ISIS militants and are allegedly listed as wanted by Interpol have been detained by authorities. Anadolu Agency said the two were detained in the border town of Akcakale, while trying to enter Turkey illegally from neighboring Syria, and being accompanied by their nine children. The agency said the women told police that their husbands had been killed in Syria and that they were trying to return to Russia via Turkey.

SOURCE: 3 July 2019, ABC News

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